

Amendments to the Specification

Page 3, first paragraph:

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A first aspect of this invention provides a method of decrypting contents information. The method comprises the steps of generating a signal representative of a key in response to key production information, the key being for decrypting encryption-resultant contents information; decrypting the encryption-resultant contents information in response to the generated signal representative of the key; receiving key-related information which has been generated by an external source in response to an authentication value and at least a portion of the key production information according to a predetermined function; receiving issue ID information which has been generated in response to the authentication value and decryption-side ID information peculiar to a decryption side; reproducing the authentication value from the decryption-side ID information and the received issue ID information; and generating at least a portion of the key production information from the reproduced authentication value and the received key-related information according to a function inverse with respect to the predetermined function.

Page 13, second paragraph:

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The secondary section R Q includes a calculator 6, a calculator or a key generator 7, a decrypting device 8, a calculator or a key generator 9, a decrypting device 10, a signal generator 11, a nonvolatile memory 12, and an input device 13.